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HOUSE MEMORIAL 78

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
TO NAME THE UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY RESOURCES CENTER'S OMBUDSMAN  
PROGRAM AFTER THE JOSEPH M. STELL WATER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Joe M. Stell has served his community and the  
state of New Mexico for more than seventy years as an athlete,  
a coach, a teacher, a mentor, a leader and an example; and

WHEREAS, Joe M. Stell has been a rancher near Carlsbad in  
between teaching for thirty-seven years in the Carlsbad school  
system, earning some degrees and continuing education credits  
along with expertise from the "University of Experience"; and

WHEREAS, Joe M. Stell served as state representative from  
district 54 for the past twenty years, where he helped revise

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1 the Election Code and contributed to issues on farming and  
2 ranching, education, public safety and water law; and

3 WHEREAS, he won four state championships in his coaching  
4 career and in everything he has done, he has set an example of  
5 humility, erudition and fairness and has become a real champion  
6 in the eyes of everyone who has worked with him; and

7 WHEREAS, water is a critical issue to all New Mexicans and  
8 yet is controversial and the source of difficult conflicts that  
9 need to be resolved; and

10 WHEREAS, with Representative Stell's support, and under  
11 his leadership, the university of New Mexico created the Utton  
12 transboundary resources center ombudsman program on water to  
13 foster dialogue and creative approaches to difficult problems  
14 such as water conflicts; and

15 WHEREAS, the Utton transboundary resources center  
16 ombudsman program helps water users and other stakeholders to  
17 understand and resolve water issues; and

18 WHEREAS, Joe M. Stell has always emphasized and  
19 exemplified fairness, respect and a dedication to solving  
20 problems and finding solutions;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of  
23 regents of the university of New Mexico be requested to name  
24 the Utton transboundary resources center's ombudsman program as  
25 the Joe M. Stell Water Ombudsman Program; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
2 transmitted to the board of regents of the university of New  
3 Mexico.

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